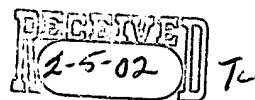


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adding the formant of the consecutive set of audio segments to the new set of residue segments to produce an output audio segment.

2. (Amended) The method as defined by claim 1 wherein the given audio segment is [not ascertainable, the location of the given audio segment within the audio signal being ascertainable] missing from the plurality of audio segments.

11. (Amended) A computer program product for use on a computer system for generating a new audio segment [based upon a given audio segment of] for an audio signal, the audio signal having a plurality of audio segments, the computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program code thereon, the computer readable program code including:

program code for determining that a given audio segment is not ascertainable, the location of the given audio segment within the audio signal being ascertainable;

program code for locating a set of consecutive audio segments in the audio signal, the set of consecutive audio segments preceding the given audio segment and having a formant;

program code for removing the formant from the set of audio segments to produce a set of residue segments having a pitch;

program code for processing the pitch and the set of residue segments to produce a new set of residue segments; and

program code for adding the formant of the consecutive set of audio segments to the new set of residue segments to produce an output audio segment.

12. (Amended) The computer program product as defined by claim 11 wherein the given audio segment [is not ascertainable, the location of the given audio segment within the audio signal being ascertainable] is missing from the plurality of audio segments.

21. (Amended) An apparatus for generating a new audio segment [based upon a given audio segment of] for an audio signal, the audio signal having a plurality of audio segments, the apparatus comprising:

a detector for determining that a given audio segment is not ascertainable, the location of the given audio segment within the audio signal being ascertainable;

an input to receive a set of consecutive audio segments, the set of consecutive audio segments preceding the given audio segment;